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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action dated 22 March 20002, and prior to examination respecting the RCE documents submitted herewith, kindly amend the application as follows:

Please enter the previously submitted Substitute Specification, along with the proposed amendments thereto previously submitted July 8th, 2002 as set forth separately from the claims on the attached Addendum.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A technique for bilevel printing of [a] an image or figure comprising: